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NATRC and our R-6 family that will be up for many awards. We have some wonderful speakers, great vendors, and most of all getting to see everyone dressed up.

As I finish this I am somewhat sadden that this is the end of a great season. As I sat out on the deck this morning, watching the horses, smelling the fresh autumn air, and enjoying the beautiful colors of fall I suddenly remembered....WHAM!!!! HEY, we got to get ready for next year. We have obstacles to work on, groundwork, checking over tack, and conditioning our horses. So let's get ready for 2003 it's going to be another great on! Whoop and Ride my friends, see you on the trails.

Ty McCullough

NATIONAL CONVENTION, FEB 14-16

Registration form in this issue. Bring auction items of good quality for Friday evening.

WORKERS, SEND IN YOUR POINTS

Form is in the ride book.

DIAMOND OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Form is in this issue, mail them in or e-mail

CONVENTION FLYER IN THIS ISSUE PUT IT IN YOUR TACK OR FEED STORE

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Wow! Let me tell you all in R-6, we have some of the best ride managers, trail masters, and competitors in NATRC. The Championship Challenge was a classic example of the fun, well run, and well managed rides that we put on. At the Championship Challenge I had the pleasure to visit with some of the "best of the best" riders in NATRC. They all said that this is a fun, enjoyable, and challenging region to compete in. For those of you who rode or worked the challenge, congratulations and a hearty thank you. We now must prepare for the National Convention in February, for I know that again we will have a well managed and a fun time for all. So lets all prepare to be there to show our support for the

Vendors needed for Natl. Convention in KS City

Do you have a product of interest to fellow long distance competitive trail riders? How about renting a booth at the upcoming NATRC National Convention in Kansas City, MO, Feb. 14-15, 2003, to make a little extra income during the event?

A booth space includes a 3' x 6' draped table with two chairs for a cost of \$90 for the entire weekend. An additional table may be purchased for a total cost of \$170 and there is an additional charge of \$10 if you require an electrical outlet. Convention organizers have allowed for a few outdoor vendor spaces for trailer dealers as well.

Space in the indoor trade show is limited so we encourage you to contact Stacy Bowman, Trade Show Coordinator, as soon as possible at (217) 487-7664 or by e-mail at BOWMANFXTR@aol.com. This year, all participating vendors will receive a free 1/2 page advertisement in our convention program.

**THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER
UNTIL AFTER THE CONVENTION**

Sorry I did not receive any write up for the Flint Hills ride or Indian Cave. Here are the results.

Novice Jr

- 1/1 Holly Grant First time rider She's hooked
- 2/2 Aaron Avery
- 3/3 Travis Newberry
- 4/4 Eli Avery

Novice Lightweight

- 1/4 Kay Stitch
- 2/3 Kira Everhart
- 3/2 Linda Shaw
- 4/1 Mary McCoy
- 5/ Kay Wolfe
- 6/ Sherry Davis
- /5 Maggie Childs
- /6 Connie Jones

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 Karen Everhart **Sweepstakes**
- 2/1 Vickie White
- 3/2 Gary McCoy
- 4/4 Carol Kutz
- 5/5 Suzanne Avery

C/P

- 1/1 Michelle Berry **Combo**
- 2/2 Becky Arheart
- 3/3 Kate Smith

Open Junior

- 1/1 Ann Molloy

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Mary Anna Wood
- 2/2 Elizabeth Kendall
- 3/3 Klare Chapman
- 4/3 Maggie Spilker
- 5/4 Trish Cleveland

Open Heavyweight

- 1/4 David Spliker **Sweepstakes**
- 2/1 Jenny Smith
- 3/ Todd Powell
- 4/2 Martha Kunkle
- 5/6 Bill Hinkebein
- 6/3 Ty McCullough
- /5 Bill Smith

This ride gave 4 riders their National Championships. Way to go Guys & Gals!!!!

Indian Cave 30th anniversary next year

Indian Cave ride results

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Elizabeth Kendall **SWPKS**
- 2/5 Klare Chapman
- 3/ Maggie Spliker
- 4/ Trish Cleveland
- 5/2 Cheri Jeffcoat
- 6/4 Kristi Chapman
- /3 Mary Anna Wood
- /6 Summer Berry

Open Heavyweight

- 1/4 Bill Smith
- 2/1 Gerald Ferguson
- 3/2 Jenny Smith
- 4/5 Bill Hinkebein
- 5/3 Ken Wolgram
- 6/6 Priscilla Lindsey

Open Junior

- 1/4 Stephanie Peterson
- 2/1 Kate Smith
- 3/3 Melinda Sadler
- 4/5 Diana Sadler

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/5 Judy Kayson
- 2/2 Jerry Weil **COMBO**
- 3/6 Mary Sapp
- 4/1 Stephanie Windsor

REGION SIX RALLY

OCT/NOV 2002

5/4 Norma Newton
6/ Linell Miller
/3 Lucy Hirsch

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Dana Esbensen
2/1 Linda Shaw
3/5 Rhonda Levinson
4/4 Maggie Childs
5/6 Marty Burgess
6/2 Diane Colacurci

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Karen Everhart **SWPKS**
2/6 Yvette Haerberle
3/2 Judith James
4/4 Gerri McIntyre
5/1 Vickie White
6/5 Jan Swalley

Ride dates for 2003

Rendezvous May 3/4
La Cygne, KS
Charlie Armour 913-849-3635
carmour@micoks.net

Sand Ridge May 17/18
Havana IL
Stacy Bowman 217-487-7664
bowmanfxtr@aol.com

Greensfelder May 31/1
St. Louis MO
Elizabeth Braznell 314-773-1567
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Hill&Dale June 21/22
Hillsdale KS
Kendall 913-681-2318
jrjo@blitz-it.net

Cedar Creek July 5/6
Columbia MO
Mike Wallis 573-387-4849
wallism@missouri.edu

Brushy Creek July 19/20
Fort Dodge IA
Norma Newton 515-796-2223
rnewton@metins.net

Pine Ridge (new ride) Aug 9/10
Chadron NE
Theresa Haynes 308-432-4110
teshaynes@hotmail.com

Region Six Benefit Sept 6/7
Kanopolis Canyon KS
Ty McCullough and Karen Everhart
tdmccull@kansas.net

Dave's Fall Fiesta Sept 20/21
Lucas IA
Jerry Weber 515-966-2893
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Flint Hills Oct 4/5
Manhattan KS
Olivia Huddleston 785-382-6886
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Indian Cave Oct 11/12
Brownville NE
Chuck Edwards 402-489-1502
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Whispering Pines Oct 25/26
Salem MO
Kim Downing 816-781-2218
kdown@swbell.net

Champion Challenge by Cheri Jeffcoat

Well, list.....if you were not there as a rider or a volunteer, you missed a great ride at a fantastic location. We (me & Liz Kendall) arrived on Tuesday evening, allowing plenty of time to relax, check trail and just generally hangout. Whispering Pines is a beautiful place, horses have stalls and plenty of electrical hook-ups and water hydrants. The trails are established which makes

for easier moving on out! The trees were a riot of color with gold, red and green.....easily as beautiful as the renowned New England fall. The judges were Jerry Weil-Vet and Gerald Ferguson-Hsp. The other team was Kim McKenzie-Vet and Nancy Kasovich-Hsp. It is always great to have the judges from different regions.....makes for a more interesting ride. Check-in was pretty standard.....however with cool weather the horses were feeling frisky. Plus, once you did your first check-in and went on to the next judging team the horses were going.....Hey, what's this? I already did the check-in and you want MORE!

There is plenty of water out on the trail. As we went out Saturday, had an immediate observation with a ride into the trees to be greeted by Nancy in witches garb and trick-or-treat candy.....then a turn and back out and off down the trail. The trail was accurately mileage by Frank Keeran and Kim Downing, plus a good timing ride. The speed was about 5.3 mph. The trail has good up and down hills but also plenty of trail that allows you to make time. I found that I was running exactly on mid-time. A good feeling. In addition, due to riding same trail both days, the turns were wonderfully marked. If you went left where the trails met, then the markers were on the left. If you turned right, the turn ribbons were on the right. Sure saved time when you got to a junction because you didn't have to slow down to make sure you were on the right trail.

Lunch was served at the Big Creek Trail Ride building. Just walk in, hand the ticket in and go to the buffet! A good place to tie your horse up and after fueling up, time to graze your horse, water at the creek and relax a bit before going the last 10 miles. There were 3 P&R's the first day and two the second. With the change to daylight savings we needed to get back to camp for checkout. The vet judges were very diligent about being in camp, ready to check horses as soon as we got in. That was greatly appreciated by the riders and horses. It was interesting to note that the all the judges were

pretty sensitive to the horses and riders. As I rode into lunch on Sunday, Jerry was there to check metabolics. He immediately asked if I was okay? He seemed to think that my face had "The Look". The Look is rather like the look on the face of a deer caught in the headlights! I will write more when I get enough energy to go out to the trailer and get the cards. I think a list of most of the observations would provide us all the opportunity to find something to work on over the winter. I know I have a new list! Mostly, refining and polishing up on some basic moves.

I want to say Congratulations to all the riders and horses.....just to finish a Championship Challenge is a Win! By the way, just to brag about the Nebraska horses and rider. We had 4 in the top 6 horses. Baskalisa/Maggie Spilker, Country Star Jet/Cheri Jeffcoat, Treble's Tempt Me/Liz Kendall and NASDAQ/Kristi Chapman. Way to go.....Nebraska Gals!

Championship Challenge by Nancy Sluys R-5
Well, I'm not sure which part was the biggest challenge, getting there or the ride! We left a week ago Tuesday from Westfield, North Carolina and drove over 8 hours to Nashville, TN to stay over with our friends Marlene and Phillip Buttrey. We had a flat tire on the trailer on the way but with the help of our "trailer aid" drive up ramp we quickly changed it and were on our way. The next morning we made good headway until we exited the highway in Paducah Kentucky. From there to the ride it was all secondary highways and back roads. We had a nice picnic lunch at a place called Horseshoe Lake outside of Cairo, Illinois where we were able to let Blue rest and graze for an hour or so. That was nice and it felt like our trip was almost over. We were almost to Cape Girardeau and from there it was just over 100 miles to the ride. Since it was peak fall color we decided to take scenic Hwy 72 to our destination. It was beautiful but it was SLOW!!! Four hours later and we still were not

there! Finally at about 7:30 pm on Wednesday we arrived at Whispering Pines, 10 1/2 hours after we left the Buttreys! Blue was sure glad to get off the trailer and our butts were flat!

The next day Debra and Ken Porter arrived from North Carolina and set up camp next door. Later we had a nice visit from some old friends from St. Louis. They helped us decorate the campsite for the Halloween theme. After they left we headed over to the pavilion for the first of many meals that were provided by ride management. It was nice to get there early so we could settle in and slowly get peoples names straight. It was great to put faces on to the names we see on the list and there were many!

Friday dawned cool and a bit drizzly but it cleared by lunchtime. Debra and I took a little ride to check out the terrain and stretch out the horses a bit. The fall colors were awesome and the sights along the way were different than our home trails. I knew the weekend was going to be a great adventure! Blue and I were there on a lark. Rose, the horse I have been competing all year was not qualified so Blue was the one to go. He's done a lot of mountain pleasure riding and one endurance ride this year but this would be his first and only NATRC ride of the year!

Saturday was dry but chilly. A good temperature for the horses and as a result Bill (my husband and ace P&R volunteer) mentioned that there were very few, if any, lost P&R points that day. The first obstacle we had to do was fun. Right out of camp the "girls judging team" of Nancy Kasovich and Kim McKenzie had us go into the woods and take candy out of a bag held by a wicked witch (Nancy), we then had to back out. There were two choices, a clear one and one with rocks and logs. Horses that were startled by the witch chose the cluttered way out, as it was more direct. You had to maneuver to get out through the clear path, Blue did this for me and we were on our way. About 200 yards down the trail Gerald Ferguson and Jerry Weil watched us go over some logs. Logs were the theme for the day for the "boys team". We walked over logs, jumped a BIG log, side passed a log in

the river, and had to do a pivot with the horse's front feet in a box of small logs. The morning went well for us but when we got to the pivot Blue absolutely refused to put his feet in the box, what was with that? He also refused to side pass the log in the river, the water had a dark reflection and some leaves floating on it and Blue was convinced that there was a troll in there! I had to just laugh! Since I was riding a horse that had no points or placings for the year I could see the humor in it all and was determined to have the best time I possibly could.

The trail was very rocky and the pace was fast but doable. You had used every bit of trot able trail you could find while still taking care of your horse. I was determined not to take a wrong turn but the trails were so well marked it was easy to stay on track. The lunch stop was the best part of the day though. We rode into a ranch for a hot buffet lunch; the warmth and potato soup took the chill off. After eating a quick meal I returned to graze blue in the lush grass for the remainder of our lunchtime. The first day seemed to go by fast, the new scenery and brilliant leaves kept the day lively and before we knew it we were back at camp. However, before we could go rest we had a CRI right after we timed in. I was surprised that I could actually run the 120 feet out then back after the long day we had! An hour later we had to take our horses back up for a vet check.

Finally after we took care of our horses it was time for more good hot food under the pavilion. After the long miles on the trail we all had a lot to talk about. Ride briefing was a colorful affair with the judges telling the how's and why's of their obstacles. There was a lot of laughing and cutting up. Region Six folks really know how to be loose and have a good time, I love that! After briefing we headed off for some well deserved sleep. Sunday started off with Jerry Weil demonstrating his sidepass, back, sidepass while maintaining motion down the trail. After watching the demo I proceeded to promptly mess it up. I had many

blonde moments that day especially at an obstacle devised by the "girls team" that had way too many directions. Let's see, I touched the green ribbon, sidepassed over to the red ribbon, backed a serpentine around two of the three trees then my mind went blank, I missed the third tree, forgot the u-turn, managed to back out ok but failed to do the turn on the haunches properly. Whew! Next time I will carry some post it notes with me! It really makes you appreciate all the work and concentration it takes to be a serious competitor. Good thing I was being anything but serious because I was still having a great time!

Sunday seemed to drag on a bit as we were repeating the same trail as the day before. Also the fatigue was setting in. As we came into lunch we got the news that there was to be no 3rd P&R and 15 minutes taken off the lunch break so we could take 30 minutes off our ride time. Suddenly things were looking up. As we left lunch Blue recognized the way back to camp and his pace quickened with that big going home walk. When the 2-mile marker came into sight I knew we had made it, we were just about to finish our first Championship Challenge! When we crossed the finish line we were greeted with a glass of champagne!

Vet out went fine and Blue was sound although with all the points we lost on obstacles I knew we didn't have a chance at a placing. It wasn't what I had come for though. I came for the adventure and I sure got one! It feels like a big accomplishment to finish a ride like that, I can't wait to do it again, and now I have a lot of stuff to practice! Oh I actually did win a prize for my Halloween costume. I was a wizard and Blue was a unicorn for vet in on Friday afternoon, it was a hoot! I sure was proud of our two other Region Five members, Wayne Tolbert won Grand Champion Horsemanship and fifth horse and Debra Porter won fourth heavyweight horsemanship and sixth horse. Thanks to Lucy Hirsch who joined us to fill out our team "the Skeleton Crew". Thanks also to Martha Kunkle, Kim Downing, Ruth Mesimer and all the other folks who made it happen.

Championship Challenge by Ty McCullough

Just wanted to say thank you to all the workers, and volunteers who put on an excellent ride. The trails were well marked, well timed, and just plain beautiful. The judges came up with a few log obstacles and some very challenging natural obstacles. It was extremely fun and challenging time for all. Bonfire completed the ride but ended up with a grade 2 lameness, it was really hard to go in from lunch, as I visited with my friends Maggie & Dave Spilker, and my lovely wife about either pulling or going on. Debbie said she's not in any pain, she wants to go, so walk on in. Yeah, right not Zoom-Zoom the 1/2 Arab. So after lunch we walked on out and she basically said enough of this walking we are going to move..it amazes me the heart and soul that this mare has and she just flat moves out. Like everyone says to finish is to win. Bonfire did not want to quit, even through she did not place she will always be number 1 in my book. Also congratulations to all the riders and horses that completed this challenging ride. Thanks again to every in the NATRC family for a fun year, look forward to seeing you all in Kansas City at the National Convention.

Junior

- 1/2 Kate Smith on Moonshine Silvermist
- 2/1 Stephanie Peterson on Spring Kajarifa
- 3/3 Diana Sadler on Shadows Playgirl
- 4/4 Samantha Peterson on Spring Quicksilver

Lightweight

- 1/3 Roxanne Lane on Remington Steele
- 2/ Maggie Spilker on Baskolisa
- 3/2 Cheri Jeffcoat on Country Star Jet
- 4/ Elizabeth Kendall on Treble's Tempt Me
- 5/ Judy Wise-Mason on Brown R Dawud
- 6/4 Kristi Chapman on NASDAQ
 - /1 Michelle Berry on Mastergate
 - /5 Donna Jonhson on Sierra Blue
 - /6 Mary Anna Wood on Hickory's Chillcothe Express

Heavyweight

- 1/2 Jenny Smith on Rockin EZ Ruby
- 2/ Ken Wolgram on Summer
- 3/5 Bill Smith on June's Lucky Mac
- 4/ Karen Everhart on PS Trakara Bask
- 5/1 Wayne Tolbert on Windstorm Sienna
- 6/4 Debra Porter on Chic A Pea
 - /3 Bill Hinkebein on Country's Prime Time
 - /6 Ty McCullough on Razonn Brook-Bonfire

Grand Champion Horse--Rockin EZ, Jenny Smith

Reserve Champion Horse--Remington, Steele
Roxane Lane

Grand Champion Horsemanship--Wayne Tolbert
Reserve Champion--Michele Berry



Horsey Humor....For those who show.....
One day in heaven, Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint John were standing around near the horse paddocks watching the horses frolic.
"I am certainly bored," stated John. "Me too," Paul chimed in.

Peter stood and watched the horses. "I know!" Peter began. "Why don't we have a horse show?" Paul and John thought that the idea was great except for one small detail that Paul pointed out. "But who are we going to compete against, Peter?" Paul asked.

The trio pondered for a moment when Peter realized the answer.

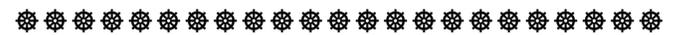
"We will call up Satan and invite him to the horse show. I mean, we have all of the finest horses here in heaven, all of the World and National Champions are here. His stable is ridden with the nasty, abusive, mean horses. We are certain to win at the show!"

And so the trio calls up Satan on the Other Realm communication lines and invited him to their horse

show. Satan laughed and asked why they would want to be humiliated like that, because he would certainly beat them.

Peter, Paul and John did not understand. "What do you mean Satan?" Peter asked. "We have all of the National and World Champion horses in our stable in heaven. How could you possibly beat us?"

Satan paused a moment and then laughed. "Have you forgotten so soon gentlemen? I own all the judges!"



A guy was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly he saw a car coming toward him and stop.

Without thinking about it, the guy got into the back seat, closed the door and then realized there was nobody behind the wheel! The car starts slowly; the guy looks at the road and sees a curve coming his way. Scared, he starts to pray begging for his life. He hasn't come out of shock, when just before he hits the curve, a hand appears through the window and moves the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appears every time right before a curve.

Gathering his strength, the guy jumps out of the car and runs to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he goes to a restaurant and starts telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through.

A silence enveloped everybody when they realize the guy was serious.

About half an hour later, two guys walked in the same restaurant. They looked around for a table when one said to the other, "Look John, that's the dummy who got in the car when we were pushing it."

Diamond of the Year Award

The Diamond of the Year Award is in recognition of someone who has gone out of their way to do something special for you, who might have made your ride more enjoyable, or have been especially helpful in some way. The nominee can be working the ride, a competitor, a judge, or anyone who has made an impression on you during the ride season.

The recipient will be selected by a committee of judges, one from each state, and will receive the famous Traveling Diamond Plaque which reads, "Our region is a better place because of this unique individual who has unselfishly given the greatest commodity in life, 'one's self', thereby making each ride more enjoyable for others." It is presented at each Region 6 Convention each year, along with a Certificate of Appreciation for nominees.

In the year to come, remember those special people that have done something to help you enjoy your next ride. There is a voucher enclosed or you can send in your nomination on a piece of paper or e-mail it to Becki Jackson at 2712 Glacier Ct. Wichita, Kansas 67215. Her e-mail is djackson18@cox.net

Diamond of the Year Award

Name of person to be nominated: _____

Reason for nomination: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to:
Becki Jackson
2712 Glacier Ct.
Witchita, KS 67215

(YOU ARE ALLOWED 2 NOMINATION PER YEAR)

NATRC National Convention

February 13 – 16, 2003

Region 6 invites you to NATRC's Heartland for the 2003 National Convention in Kansas City Missouri

Schedule:

Thursday: National Board of Directors Meeting

Friday & Saturday: Seminars and Speakers

Friday Evening: Live Entertainment, Taco Bar and Auction

Saturday Evening: KC Style BBQ Banquet and National Awards

Sunday Morning: Spiritual Briefing, R6 general meeting, election and board of directors meeting

Keynote Speakers:

Friday - Ray Miller on Saddle Fit

Brian Pullman on Pasture Management

Denise Farris on Equine Liability

Saturday - Dr. Jim Bryant from K-State University on Stress Colic

Priscilla Lindsey/Donna Armour on Centered Riding

Denise Farris on Multi Use Trails

Dr. Jerry Weil on West Nile Update

Hotel Information:

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